

December 2, 2015

WACAB minutes

Board Members present: Stephanie Fisk McCurdy, Teresa Burks, Sarah Guengerich, John Stevens, Judy Handley, Chris Hageman, Traci Gehrke, Danelle Brewer.

City of Wichita: Cpt. Doug Nolte, Dennis Graves, Jan Jarman, Drew Bessey, Robin Bradley.

Call to order by Stephanie Fisk McCurdy at 4:00 pm.

1. Minutes approved for 11/4, 6-0.
2. The floor was opened up for public comments. There were none from those in attendance.
3. Cpt. Doug Nolte reviewed past meeting practices and changes moving forward. Informed the board City staff would be taking the minutes so board members are not distracted and public comments will be moved to the beginning of the meeting. He also recommended the board focus on and discuss sections of the Ordinance thoroughly and how they affect Animal Control policy & procedure. Examples he gave were Stray, Running-at-large, TNR & removal of neglected animals. Cpt. Nolte also brought up Dennis Graves proposed Goodwill Program for first time offenders.
4. John Stevens recommended proposed changes to the ordinance come back to the board after the Law Dept. has reviewed before going to council.
5. Cpt. Doug Nolte presented the Bronze Wreath of Merit to Dennis Graves for 30+ years of service and Drew Bessey for 20+ years of service.
6. Proposed changes to the fine and fee schedule were discussed. City staff provided current information, past practices and recommendations to the board members. Items discussed included:
 - A. The charging of redemptions fees for 2nd/3rd class cities that hold shelter service contracts with the City. Staff explained some of the contracts are 10+ years old and have never been revised. The intake fee charged doesn't cover the current operating costs for the shelter and the redemption fees are time consuming and cumbersome for staff. The board requested a copy of the proposed shelter service contract to review (the City of Andover contract is the model) and Stephanie Fisk McCurdy recommended cancelling the current shelter service contracts to alleviate confusion and burden on staff.
 - B. Service charge for owners reclaiming their pet from the Wichita Animal Shelter. The board discussed whether or not the current charge is adequate to cover operating costs. Staff provided input and Dennis Graves explained his proposed Goodwill Program.
 - C. Cremation services for the public and veterinarian clinics. Staff explained history of service and fees. Danelle Brewer stated KHS charges \$35 for cremation services. Teresa Burks felt the veterinary community would be satisfied with a \$20 per animal charge. Robin Bradley will

provide information she had collected on pier city cremation services and cost analyses from current City data records.

Board recommend tabling these and other fee/fine discussions till the next meeting, and requested staff provide recommendations for fees that could be increased.

7. Review of proposed Animal Control Ordinance changes was tabled for a future meeting.

8. John Stevens provided the board with dangerous dog ordinances from San Antonio, Tx. & St. Louis, Mo. but agreed to table the discussion till a future meeting.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12. The next meeting is set for January 6, 2016, 4:00-5:15 pm.